

I am concerned that removing the "established business relationship" qualification from the fax regulations is bad for business and unnecessary for associations. Obtaining the written consent of our members, clients and industry partners before transmitting any fax that could be interpreted as commercial in nature is difficult and time-consuming. The expense and recordkeeping requirements will prevent associations from continuing their mission of education of members, support of community activities, and providing professional development to our members. The association community has already raised numerous concerns about the new regulations that remain a subject of speculation, including exactly which transmissions the FCC would interpret as commercial in nature, whether written consent to a national association would extend to chapter or affiliate faxes, and whether a written consent form would expire with membership, for example. Please consider re-establishing the "established business relationship" clause for associations. Thank you.